

DCI Goss Announces Changes to Directorate of Operations Leadership

Today, 15 November, Deputy Director for Operations Stephen Kappes and Associate Deputy Director for Operations Michael Sulick both formally advised that they are stepping down from their positions and will be entering the Career Transition Program prior to retirement from the federal service.

Both Mr. Kappes and Mr. Sulick honorably served their nation and this Agency with distinction for many years. Both men are widely respected by the workforce for their service and will be missed. The legacy that both officers leave behind them is one of dedication to the covert mission of this Agency. I thank Steve and Mike for their meaningful contributions that range from the Cold War to the terrorist threats of today. I wish them full success in their future endeavors.

There will be no gap in our operations fighting the global war on terror, nor in any of our other vital activities. I have already begun the process to name a new Deputy Director for Operations. I have asked a senior covert officer in the DO's clandestine service to serve in that position. This officer has a long history of strong performance in senior management positions, both domestically and abroad, most recently leading our Agency's critical efforts against the terrorist target.

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